



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe Electorate, Flood Response

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.32 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker, before I talk about my wonderful electorate of Redcliffe I acknowledge the efforts of yourself and your brother on the weekend with your fundraising and your Really Big Walk.

I want to thank my Redcliffe community for rallying around each other during the recent floods and severe weather events. Unfortunately when the motion was moved last sitting week and everyone got to speak to their communities I was in isolation with COVID so I do want to take a moment to acknowledge my community. Like all Queenslanders, they came together to support each other during the disaster event by getting out and shovelling sand in the pouring rain, filling sandbags for complete strangers. It was amazing how many people came together; I think at one point we had over 20 volunteers there to help fill bags for other people. They supported their community by helping clean up the homes of neighbours and strangers in the aftermath. The Redcliffe spirit truly shone through. As I travelled around the community with my electorate staff and volunteers there were many stories of heartbreak, but it was an absolute joy to see the community come together.

There are many stories of people losing everything and now having to embark on the task of rebuilding their homes and their lives. Many do not have homes to go back to. I want to briefly mention a small number. Sara, Joe, and all the people in Grant Street lost their homes. It was heartbreaking to see. The water was waist deep. They are nowhere near a creek; it was water inundation and there was nowhere for it to go. The waters rose and flooded their homes. Many of these homes were uninsured rental properties and the residents now have nowhere to go. Emily reached out to us. Anne was sleeping on a wet couch after three days. She could not sleep inside her apartment it was so saturated. Within a week it had black mould up the walls. I got a text this afternoon to tell me that the Department of Housing has located a property locally for Anne. I am thrilled about that. I acknowledge Laura, Stacey, Kim and their children. Kim had a fall while trying to clean up and broke her arm. Stacey and Kim got to talk to the Premier when the Premier came out to the electorate.

I acknowledge the businesses who helped: the staff at Breathe Easy Cafe made around 350 fresh meals for people who had lost everything; Harcourts Real Estate came out and ran a barbecue in Grant Street and helped clean up; Chris at Hakuna Ma'Coffee ran our volunteer thankyou barbecue on the weekend. I give a shout-out to Trina and Ritchie from Breathe Easy Cafe and their staff member Tash who raised \$2,500. I thank the community for coming together. We are proud of being such a strong community. I also thank, of course, the SES and the council workers.